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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT EQUALIZING COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO MENTAL,
BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE IN RESPONSE TO
THE PANDEMIC."**

1 Strike section 9 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a gun violence
4 intervention and prevention advisory committee for the purpose of
5 advising the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
6 cognizance of matters relating to public health and human services on
7 the establishment of a Commission on Gun Violence Intervention and
8 Prevention to coordinate the funding and implementation of evidence-
9 based, community-centric programs and strategies to reduce street-level
10 gun violence in the state. The committee shall: (1) Consult with
11 community outreach organizations, victim service providers, victims of
12 community violence and gun violence, community violence and gun

13 violence researchers and public safety and law enforcement
14 representatives regarding strategies to reduce community violence and
15 gun violence; (2) identify effective, evidence-based community violence
16 and gun violence reduction strategies; (3) identify strategies to align the
17 resources of state agencies to reduce community violence and gun
18 violence; (4) identify state, federal and private funding opportunities for
19 community violence and gun violence reduction initiatives; and (5)
20 develop a public health and community engagement strategy for the
21 Commission on Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention.

22 (b) The committee shall be composed of the following members:

23 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
24 one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Hospital
25 Association and one of whom shall be a representative of Compass
26 Youth Collaborative;

27 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
28 whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Violence Intervention
29 Program and one of whom shall be a representative of Regional Youth
30 Adult Social Action Partnership;

31 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
32 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of Hartford
33 Communities That Care, Inc. and one of whom shall be a representative
34 of CT Against Gun Violence;

35 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom
36 shall be a representative of Project Longevity and one of whom shall be
37 a representative of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center;

38 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
39 Representatives, who shall be a representative of Yale New Haven
40 Hospital;

41 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
42 a representative of Hartford Hospital;

43 (7) One appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing
44 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
45 relating to public health, who shall be a representative of You Are Not
46 Alone (YANA);

47 (8) One appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing
48 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
49 relating to public health, who shall be a representative of Mothers
50 United Against Violence;

51 (9) One appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing
52 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
53 relating to public health;

54 (10) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint
55 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
56 matters relating to public health;

57 (11) One appointed by the executive director of the Commission on
58 Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, who shall be a
59 representative of the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention; and

60 (12) Two appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health, who shall
61 be representatives of the Department of Public Health's Injury and
62 Violence Surveillance Unit.

63 (c) All initial appointments to the committee shall be made not later
64 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
65 be filled by the appointing authority.

66 (d) The president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the
67 chairperson of the committee from among the members of the
68 committee. Such chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the
69 committee, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the
70 effective date of this section. The committee shall meet not less than
71 bimonthly.

72 (e) The administrative staff of the Commission on Women, Children,

73 Seniors, Equity and Opportunity shall serve as administrative staff of
74 the committee.

75 (f) Not later than January 1, 2022, the committee shall submit a report
76 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
77 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
78 health and human services, in accordance with the provisions of section
79 11-4a of the general statutes. The committee shall terminate on the date
80 that it submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section